Inaccuracies Noted by Garrison Aide

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12 (UPI)—An assistant district attorney admitted today that part of the evidence in the assassination conspiracy case against Clay L. Shaw was "hastily done, inaccurate and incomplete." Three jurors slept, Shaw napped and the Judge's eyelids drooped during the session.

Assistant District Attorney Andrew (Moo Moo) Sciambra, a former college boxer, admitted in court that his memorandum on the first interview with star prosecution witness Perry Raymond Russo "does not reflect what he told me at the time."

Russo confessed in cross-examination Tuesday that he did not actually hear Shaw or Lee Harvey Oswald say they would kill President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw, 55, is charged with conspiring to kill Kennedy.

Russo, 27, a book salesman, said the only person he heard mention killing the President was former pilot David W. Ferrie. Both Oswald and Ferrie are dead.

Sciambra, testifying today at a session continually interrupted by objections from the defense, said he interviewed Russo the first time in Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 25, 1967, then rushed to District Attorney Jim Garrison's home to give a quick report on what Russo said.

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But Sciambra said there were so many interruptions it took four or five dictating sessions over a week or ten days to complete his memorandum on the interview. He indicated this accounted for its incompleteness and inaccuracy.

Much of Garrison's case against Shaw was built on Russo's claim he heard Shaw conspire with Oswald and Ferrie at a 1963 party to kill President Kennedy.

'There Was a Meeting'

Sciambra said he started his memorandum Feb. 27, the same day the late parish coroner, D. Nicholas Chetta, administered sodium pentathol—"truth serum"—to Russo.

The next day, Feb. 28, Sciambra said he and Assistant District Attorney Alvin V. Oser completed a memorandum on what Russo said under the truth serum.

"The sodium pentathol memo reflects the most important thing Mr. Russo told me (in Baton Rogue), that there was a meeting . . ."

Chief defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond, waving a cigarette, interrupted at this point with shouts of objection. He said Sciambra had no right to tell the jury what was in the truth serum interview because the memorandum about the interview had not been introduced as evidence at the trial.

40-Minute Dispute

After 40 minutes of arguments between attorneys at the start of today's session, Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. let Oser read what Chetta testified at a preliminary hearing in March, 1967.

While Oser, a tall man with horn-rimmed glasses, droned on reading Chetta's testimony, three of the 12-man jury went to sleep. Shaw, wearing a black single-breasted business suit, napped with a lighted cigarette in his hand. The judge's eyelids drooped.

Chetta's preliminary hearing testimony told about sodium pentathol being administered twice to Russo and about Russo being put in a hypnotic trance three times.

"I feel that Perry Russo fills all the requirements of legal sanity," the testimony said. "His behavior was that of a very rational, controlled individual."